

ANNEHMENT WORK ON MINING CLAIMS.

The first of January will soon be here, and negligent miners are again reminded that they must do the work required by the laws of the United States on or before that date, or they will be liable to lose their claims. Plenty of time and warning has been given, and claim owners will have no one but themselves to blame if they forfeit their rights by not attending to their property in time.

If certain claims are of any value, they will not be abandoned by the locators, and it will probably happen that some of the "jumpers" will get fooled in some cases, supposing that work is not done because it has been neglected until late. As a general thing, however, none but claims of some value will be liable to be jumped, and many of these have no doubt been spotted by this time by parties on the lookout for just such chances. A good many miners will, of course, put off doing the necessary work until the last minute, intending to commence on the first day of January. Those who are left out in the cold by procrastinating can blame only themselves.

The best way, no doubt, for bona fide locators to do, is to patent their claims at once. This will save annual expenditure and give a good title at the same time. A patent is a very good thing to hold in case of a sale. The English purchaser of mining property will not look at anything which is not covered by a United States patent, and it is an incentive to any purchaser to know that he is sure of a good title.

In this connection it is proper to suggest to locators the propriety of having the original location properly surveyed by a competent surveyor, so as to have a perfect record to proceed upon when making application for a patent. The careless way in which measurements are usually made in original locations makes it difficult to get the official surveys for patents in accordance with the legal regulations. A lawyer in this city told us not long since that in more than half the cases where patents were wanted it was impossible to get the surveys to correspond with the original record of location. In many cases the ground was formally relocated to save trouble. It is always best to have preliminary survey made before taking steps toward applying for a patent.—San Francisco Mining and Scientific Press.

A modern Greek legend invests the holm oak with a very bad reputation. When the crucifixion was about to take place all the trees met together and determined not to lend their wood to the construction of the cross. They all kept their wood except the holm oak. The other trees broke in pieces when an attempt was made to utilize them for cross-making. The holm oak alone allowed itself to be made use of; wherefore it is looked upon as accursed. Wild chieftains have been made the subject of many legends, especially in Germany, where it is known by several names, one of them being *wegwarte* or road guardian. The popular explanation of the term is as follows: A young prince whom her beloved spouse had abandoned declared that she would like to die, but she longed to see her loved one again, and the maidens who bore her company expressed a similar desire. Their wishes were realized. They were turned into flowers, white and blue, and stationed along the sides of roads, so as to be able to see the loved and lost prince whenever he rode by. And since that time the plant has been called the guardian of roads.—Athenaeum.

The Colton Semi-Tropic says that the wife of Josiah Smith, who recently murdered her son near Santa Ana, made herself quite conspicuous in that place some twelve or fourteen years ago by getting married to four or five different men in about so many months, leaving her last husband and running away to Salt Lake with Smith, who was quite a favorite with a certain class, being a "fiddler" for country dances. His wife's maiden name was Ann Magnus, and she has two brothers still residing in the county.

"Look out for him," said Hostetter McGinnis, referring to a prominent Austin gentleman, "he is a hypocrite, and will play you a bad trick some day, just like he did me." "What did he do to you?" "What did he do? I borrowed \$10 of him, and the double-eyed scoundrel tried to make me pay it back. Look out for him. I tell you, you can't rely on him."—Texas Sittings.

A San Diego blacksmith was shoeing a horse the other day, and found that the hoofs had grown very long, leaving hollow grooves beneath their outer rims. On cutting away this shell to make a foundation for the shoe, a hole was noticed underneath, and six young living mice were found coiled neatly within the hollow disc. How they got there so safely is a question.

The Salem (Oregon) Town Talk says that a few days ago a crazy man came to Henry Adams' sheep camp, at the mouth of Vanuety canyon. The poor fellow was entirely naked and nearly frozen. He appeared to be fifty-eight or sixty years of age, and had gray beard and hair. No one in that vicinity knew anything about him.

A Pennsylvania inventor has evolved a new rat-trap, in one end of which is a mirror. This may do for the female rats, but when a male rat notices that the bait looks double he will think he has had enough and go home.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

Boston, Dec. 8.—There is a further in certain circles in Lynn and Saugus and other places of Essex county owing to the discovery by the police of a list of 300 females upon whom abortion has been practiced. The discovery was made in rearranging the house of a doctor in Lynn, now under arrest for malpractice. The papers certify to a highly singular and original manner that the owners of said names has been the doctor's victims in the malpractice line, with the day and date of the action. Notwithstanding the damaging evidence which the police have against the doctor, he denies ever having done anything illegal, not realizing doubtless that the authorities have secured written evidence wherein he convicts himself. This system of keeping the names referred to is certainly the most startling disclosure ever made in the criminal annals of Lynn in connection with the crime of malpractice.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—A captured deserter of the Army, handcuffed and pinned to an iron bedstead with a thick, heavy chain, escaped from the third story of the building at the corner of Twentieth and Market streets Friday evening. The fugitive carried a large bedstead with him, and reached the ground in two leaps of 14 and 20 feet. No trace of him or the bedstead has been found. The bedstead and the fellow also escaped. His name is Candy Doyle; residence, Allentown. He showed great skill and daring in planning his escape. He had a difficult climb over a wooden wall eleven feet high after his jumps, something few would have been able to scale unaided.

CAIRO, Dec. 3.—Arabi Pasha this morning pleaded guilty to the charge of rebellion. In the afternoon the Court-martial reassembled and pronounced a sentence of death, while the Khedive committed to exile for life. It is believed that Arabi will retire to some part of the British Dominions. His demeanor before the Court was very dignified.

There has been some difference of opinion as to the color of perfectly pure water, and a German journal says that Victor Meyer has been investigating the matter. He finds that the color is neither blue nor green, but a shade between the two. To demonstrate this he takes five glass tubes, 40mm. in diameter, and about 1½ meters in length. These are connected by means of rubber tubing, forming a tube 7½ meters long. Both ends of this tube are closed with glass plates fitted in metal sockets. The latter are furnished with brass nozzles for filling the tube. The tube itself is placed in an exactly horizontal position and covered with a black cloth. Upon looking through the empty tube the field of vision appears perfectly colorless, the cloth and the metal sockets preventing the color of the glass from exerting any influence. As soon, however, as the tube is filled with distilled water, an intense bluish-green color is observed.

Now that Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks has really recovered from his attack of so-called "senile gangrene," a story has come out which is decidedly at the expense of his physicians. On the very day, the tale runs, to which the medical prophets in attendance had limited his life, a blunt old granger—a doctor, after a fashion—called to pay him a farewell visit. After a pathetic interview the country practitioner thought he would take a look at the "gangrene" which was about to terminate his illustrious friend's life. He did so; stared at it, open-mouthed, for a moment; and then with a derisive grunt and an indignant thumping oath, roared out: "Nothing but a boil!" Surely enough Mr. Hendricks was very soon rushing along the highroad to recovery, and the able physicians who attended him are keeping moderately quiet.

You mustn't touch the top of the baby's head," said a mother to her four-year-old; "she has a soft spot there that is very tender." The youngster gazed at it curiously for a moment, and then asked, "Do all babies have soft spots on their heads?" "Yes," "Did papa have a soft spot on top of his head when he was a baby?" "Yes," replied the mother with a sigh, "and he has got it yet." And the old man who had overheard the conversation from an adjoining room, rang out, "Yes, indeed, he has, my dear boy, or he would be a single man to-day!"—(Rochester Post-Express).

The great demand for Puget Sound oysters for the past few years has drawn heavily on the beds near Olympia, which are rapidly becoming depleted, and unless something is done in the way of caring for and propagating oysters in that section, but a few more years will be required to exhaust the supply, and the famous Olympic oyster will be a thing of the past.

In a paper read by Dr. C. W. Siemens before the English Royal Society lately, the ground was taken that all the heat and energy sent from the sun find their way back to the great solar center, which thus suffers no diminution of its forces.

The shooting of Col. Slayback has made his family richer by nearly \$50,000, and a good many St. Louis wives are intriguing to induce the papers to attack their husbands.—(Boston Post).

A St. Louis man has had sixteen different attacks of delirium tremens, and has got so used to seeing snakes, he's really lonesome when none are in sight.

Hindoo girls are taught to think of marriage as soon as they can talk. American girls are not. They don't require teaching.

English officers say that each soldier in order to become a decent shot, should every year fire 1,000 rounds with his rifle.

Life in Mexico.—Here is an incident to show the ups and downs in life: Last week Wagner and his children went through here. They rode in the King's saloon car, they dined in the King's parlour; indeed, they traveled as only Kings and Queens do in this land. The same day the Empress Eugenie passed through Munich on her way to Vienna. She came in an ordinary car, and dined in the second-class eating-room of the station; beyond idle curiosity she had no recognition. She went to Vienna to close her negotiations for a schloss in Austria, in which she will live hereafter. Of the King here there is a new story. To gain his sympathy and break into his reserve has been the aim of many women who have been summoned to his presence; but so far all in vain. A well-known actress was ordered to sing to him in the winter garden on the roof of the palace, while he sailed about on the little shallow artificial lake in a swan-shaped boat, a la Lohengrin. Instead of remaining hidden in a grotto, where she might be heard and not seen, she caused herself to fall into the water, where she cried to be saved. King Louis calmly rang a bell, and said to a servant: "Take that woman out of the water," and that very day sent her out of the kingdom.—(Boston Transcript).

The widow of Dr. Tanner, of fasting celebrity, was separated from her husband, and the cause of the divorce, if we are to trust the account that has found its way into some of the French papers, is not a little curious. The Doctor held, among other curious theories on the subject of diet, that a man's character was largely influenced by the nature of the food of which he partook. French beans, for instance, produced, he considered, an insatiable tendency; carrots rendered people timid and sullen; turnips made them kind and amiable. To test his theories, he put his wife on an exclusive regimen of French beans, with the result of exasperating that lady's temper very much after a week of it. The Doctor, proud of this confirmation of his theory, now proposed to correct the effects obtained by employing an equally exclusive dietary of turnips; but the lady, objecting to be made the subject of any further scientific experiments, and, perhaps, entertaining doubts of the Doctor's sanity, applied for a divorce and obtained it.

HOW TO IMPROVE THE HORSE'S WALK.—We will take, to begin with, a horse of the slowest walking pace, say about three miles per hour. To improve this, put him alongside of a horse, either led or in harness, whose walk is about three and a half miles per hour, and when the three miles has come up to this, then put him alongside of a four miles, and so on increasing until he has reached the utmost limits of pace it is possible to get out of him. After this, in riding or driving, keep him up steadily to this best pace, and in process of time it may become almost natural and easy to him.

The Cincinnati Gazette tells of an apple tree in Hardinsburg, Ky., which bears green pippins and golden russets on the same bough. Some of the apples are one half pippin and the other half russet. The pippins, being the largest, cup over the russets, giving the fruit the appearance of great acorns. We would like to contemplate a few specimens of the acorn shaped wonders.

It has been asserted that the shooting of Alexander Bledsoe by Sam West, in October last, in Washington county, Oregon, was not accidental, West having claimed that he mistook Bledsoe for a deer which they were hunting. Both men were in love with the same young woman, and it is believed that West desired to rid himself of a rival by shooting Bledsoe.

Rhode Island adopted her present Constitution in 1843. It requires voters to be natives, property-holders and taxpayers. Whether this be "republican" in the liberal sense, is doubtful. Still, Rhode Island is satisfied with her organic law as it exists, as was manifest by her voting down a proposition for a Constitutional Convention at the late election.

The planters of Louisiana were in consternation at the destruction wrought by the Mississippi inundations of last summer. Their misfortunes are not as great, however, as was expected, for it is said that the sugar and cotton crops planted immediately after the waters receded promise a greater yield than has been known for years.

An Indianapolis colored man was challenged at the polls an account of his youth, but insisted that he was twenty-one years old. "How do you know?" inquired the challenger. "Well, I've had a seven-year itch three times," was the cheerful reply. He was allowed to vote without scratching.

The Minneapolis Tribune says that goats are the best land cleaners known. It mentions that a herd of 1,000 entirely cleared a piece of brush land, consisting of 300 acres, in three years. So complete was the work that not a vestige of undergrowth was left. (And where was the wire fence?)

A Michigan man dreamed recently that his aunt was dead. The dream proved true. He tried the same dream on his mother-in-law, but it wouldn't work.

One of the sweetest pictures of domestic economy is a poet blacking a white stocking so that it won't show through the fissure in his foot.

The mule has the reputation of having the smallest and damniest foot for its size of all hoofed animals.

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